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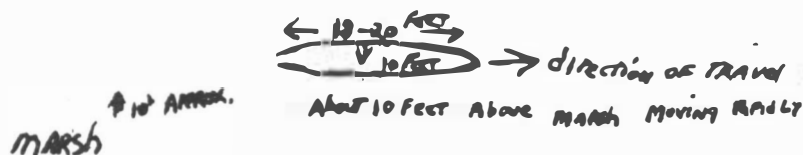
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CYLINDER REPORTED AGAIN AT IPSWICH, MASS., SEPT. 10, 1981.

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by Bob Sampson

direction of TRAVEL East → West Length About 18-20 FEET
width HARD TO TELL ABOUT 10'



Date of Sighting: Sept. 10, 1981

Time of Sighting: About 2 PM EST

Place of Sighting: Ipswich, Mass., Essex County, USA

Local Evaluation: Unknown

Mr. Raymond Morley of 17 Pleasant St., Ipswich, a computer engineer by profession, had been walking Cranes Beach with his dog on the afternoon of September 10, 1981. At about 2 p.m. he finished his walk, got into his car and was driving home along Argilla Road (see map). He had gone only a short distance, approaching the top of a hill where he usually looks down over the marshes. From time to time he has seen deer browsing on the marsh and thought he would see some on this afternoon. Instead, he saw an object traversing the marsh in an east-to-west direction (he first thought that it was a small boat travelling over the drainage ditches common to east coast marshes).

He then realized that this was not a boat since it was about ten feet off the ground and moving at a rapid rate...much too fast for a boat (he estimated the object was about 3/4 mile from him).

The object was silver in color, cone shaped, somewhat like a missile, having no flame, smoke or other exhaust. It was in view for at least eight and perhaps as long as fifteen seconds. It made a right-angled vertical turn (90 degrees) and rose quickly until lost to sight. The witness points out that it did not disappear into the clouds but that it simply "vanished".

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Further details: the object had a pointed end like a rocket ship. The object had no wings, no tail, nothing like an aircraft would have. It was estimated to be 18-22 ft. long and about 10 ft. from top to bottom, viewed sideways. The object did not shine brightly but was more like tarnished aluminum common to aircraft on operational status.

Sighting Area:

The area of this sighting is well known to this reporter. It is flat, salt water marsh with numerous ditches traversing the marsh. There is small woodland growth interspersed throughout the marsh and deer browse here regularly. There is little large growth to which one might make a comparative reference regarding size of an object, at least longitudinally, and even less to compare horizontally. The witness used his knowledge of small aircraft to estimate the size of the object viewed (he travels 2500 air miles each week to service medical facilities around the U.S.).

Man-made-object Check:

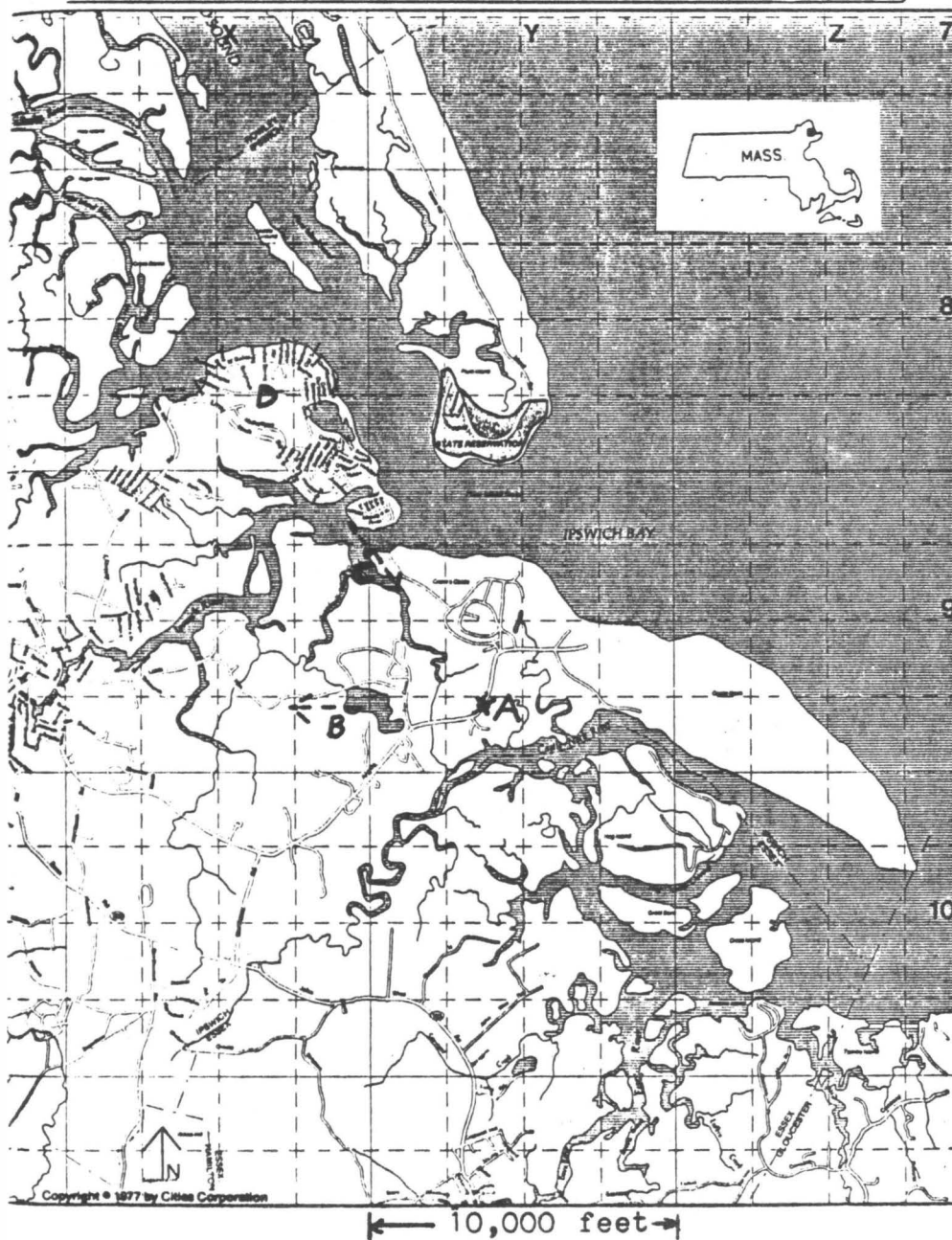
After interviewing the witness and visiting the site, I can only conclude that Raymond Morley did see some object, rocket shaped, silver in color like burnished aluminum. With his large amount of air travel it is evident that he knows and recognizes aircraft. His description of what he saw rules out astronomical objects. The speed and 90 degree ascendancy of the object would rule out conventional aircraft. The fact that the object was seen only 10 ft. off the ground would indicate again that the object did not conform to any type of conventional aircraft or balloon.

Sighting Evaluation:

With the above mentioned criteria, the fact that Ipswich has been the site of much recent UFO activity, and considering Mr. Morley's scientific background, one would have to allow that this report be taken at face value.

I was impressed with the sincerity and sense of wonder that Mr. Morley showed during my interview. There was no UFO literature evident at his home and he gave no indication of knowledge or pre-knowledge of MUFON or UFO data, etc.

IPSWICH



- A - Raymond Morley's position, Sept. 10, 1981.
- B - Object and direction observed by Raymond Morley.
- C - Position of Jack Whittier, Aug. 14, 1981.
Path of object observed by Whittier.
- D - U.S. Air Force Antenna Station.

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A LISTING OF NEW ENGLAND CEIII CASES

by David F. Webb

The following is a listing of Close Encounters of the Third Kind that have been reported from the six New England states. They are an extract from HumCat, a computerized catalog of humanoid reports prepared by the author and Ted Bloecher, the full version of which will be available from the Center for UFO Studies in the near future.

The catalog is random-access coded and stored on a local computer. At present it contains over 2300 specific case entries dating back to 1896 from all over the world. It is probably the most complete catalog of CEIII reports in the world.

HumCat was developed by the Humanoid Study Group (HSG) which was formed in 1974 by Ted Bloecher and the author and is associated with MUFON and CUFOS.

The listing is organized in twelve columns of information. These columns are coded as follows:

Col.1 - RATING: This represents an attempt to objectively classify the quality or completeness of the report that we have on file. Ratings from "1" to "5" are in order of increasing quality; e.g., a first-hand report with good documentation might rate 3 or 4. a "0" means the case has been evaluated as a probable or possible hoax; such cases also have an "X" in the third column.

Col.2 - HUMCAT CASE NO.

Col.3 - DEGREE OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE ENTITY AND UFO:

- A: Entity seen only inside UFO.
- B: Entity observed getting into or out of UFO.
- C: Entity observed in immediate vicinity of UFO.
- D: Entity observed independent of UFO, but there is local UFO activity at that time.
- E: Same as D but with no UFO activity.
- F: Communication experienced during a CE, but no entities actually observed.
- G: Witness is taken "on board" a craft, either voluntarily or by abduction.

Col.4 - DATE: The listing is by the last two digits of the year, month and day. Prefixes indicate that the report occurred before (" - "), or after (" + ") the date, or that it is approximate (" = "). Letters in the "day" position refer to early (" E "), late (" L ") or in the middle (" M ") of the month. A suffix letter, A, B, etc., indicates more than one report for that day.

- Col.5 - TIME: Given as local time on the twenty-four-hour clock. Three-digit codes are self-explanatory. Prefixes are as above.
- Cols.6, 7 and 8 - COUNTRY (here all USA); STATE; CITY or TOWN.
- Col.9 - WITNESS LOCALE: The immediate vicinity of the witness when the sighting occurred.
- Col.10 - REPEATER: A "+" indicates the witness has reported more than one CEIII.
- Col.11 - NUMBER of WITNESSES: The total number of witnesses to an entity sighting. "4" means "many".
- Col.12 - LAST NAME of PRIMARY WITNESS(ES): If the name is confidential only the first letter of the last name is listed.

The catalog listing itself is preliminary, incomplete and constantly being updated. A full version of HumCat is being prepared for publication. Any comments, corrections or additions to this list is solicited.

The seventy-five New England CEIII cases included here cover a long time period dating back to 1908. Forty two (56%) have occurred since 1972, mirroring the worldwide incidence of close encounters in general in the 1970's. New England also had its share of reports (1) in 1973, the year of a significant United States UFO wave - one of the largest in history. Seven reports came from 1967 during a general wave of activity in New England and around the U.S. and the world. The four cases from 1909 were part of a wave of airship reports.

In New England, Massachusetts has contributed the greatest number of cases - 32 (43%), but eight of these involved one family in Middleton (see the author's report in the Newsletter of JAN 1980 or FSR, Vol. 27, Nos. 1,2). The eighteen cases from New Hampshire again illustrate that that state is a "hotbed" of UFO activity despite its low population. Connecticut contributed fourteen cases and Maine, nine.

Breaking the reports by the Entity/UFO Association, Twenty-seven (36%) of the CEIII reports involved a degree of, at least, inferred association between the two (types A, B, or C). In a rather surprisingly large fraction, again twenty-seven of the reports, no UFO was observed to be associated with the entity (types D and E). Finally, type G cases, which include alleged abductions, comprised seventeen percent (thirteen) of the New England sample. This compares with a worldwide percentage of twelve CEIII cases of Type G.

A specific time is listed for sixty of the seventy-five reports. Of these sixty, more than half occurred in the early evening hours from 7 p.m. to midnight. Even in our small local sample we find peaks in the 10-11 p.m. and 2-4 a.m. time periods. Such peaks have been reported in nearly every sample of close encounter reports; J. Vallee has referred to this phenomenon as the Law of the Times.

Finally, in fifty cases the number of witnesses is given. Not surprisingly, twenty-seven (fifty-four percent) involved a single witness, whereas eighteen (thirty-six percent) had two witnesses. Five involved three or more witnesses; these were topped by the Andreasson case where nine family members observed the entities, and a newspaper report from Natick, Massachusetts in 1909 that claimed that "scores" of people observed an airship passing over that city.

LISTING BY STATE

CONNECTICUT									
1	A0416	A	570203	2200	USA	CT	NR GEORGETOWN	CAR	SALTER
1	A0452	A	571216	0200	USA	CT	GLO SAYBROOK	BEDROOM	STARR
3	A1560	G	=6706 LB	1030	USA	CT	NR DURHAM	ROAD	1 LUCA
1	A0866	D	670903B	2305	USA	CT	AVON	CAR	HILL
1	A0867	D	670903C	2320	USA	CT	AVON	CAR	2 RANSOME/KLIEBACK
1	A0873	C	670915	2045	USA	CT	WINSTED	HOUSE	LUKE/PASSINI
1	A0918	B	680221	2300	USA	CT	WINSTED	BEDROOM	1
1	A1129	A	7111 A	1700	USA	CT	WESTBROOK	CAR	1
1	A1210	G	7306 M	2100	USA	CT	NORWALK	UFO	KLEROS
3	A1594	C	730912	=2230	USA	CT	KENT	ROAD	7 C.D.E.O.D.W.W
0	A1446	X	760111	1755	USA	CT	HAMDEN	FIELD	2 FITTING/HIGNEY
0	A1457	X	760210A	1800	USA	CT	HAMDEN	ROAD	2 GREY/BARNETT
3	A1805	G	760305	+2345	USA	CT	CHESHIRE	BEDROOM	+ 2 T
1	A1945	E	780523B	0330	USA	CT	RICHFIELD	BEDROOM	2
MASSACHUSETTS									
1	A1821	F	081024	2330	USA	MA	WARE	POWERHOUSE	1 FOSTER
1	A0079	D	091221	NGT	USA	MA	QUINSIGAMOND	WOODS	ANDERSON
1	A0080	A	091222	1930	USA	MA	WORCESTER	CITY	
1	A1822	A	091223A	+15CC	USA	MA	NATICK		+ M
1	A0081	A	091223B	1930	USA	MA	BOSTON	CITY	
1	A0110	A	38SU	NGT	USA	MA	SOMERVILLE		PERRY
1	A0134	A	47C619	2230	USA	MA	WEBSTER	HOUSE	
1	A0187	G	5206 B	AFT	USA	MA	AGAWAM	WOODS	+ CASCIO
1	A0435	C	=571024	0230	USA	MA	SOUTH LEE	HOUSE	POTTER/POTTER
1	A0508	E	61 B	0700	USA	MA	WEYMOUTH	HOUSE	WINSLOE
2	A1549	E	+64C8 L	2200	USA	MA	OTIS AFB	YARD	2 S.
2	A0743	A	66FA B	2215	USA	MA	NR CHESTERFIELD	CAR	1 SANBORN
2	A0718	E	-660623	0315	USA	MA	WEST CHELMSFORD	BEDROOM	1 ARGERAKE
4	A0817	G	67C125B	+1835	USA	MA	SOUTH ASHBURNHAM	HOUSE	9 ANDREASSON
0	A0787	X	670218A	2200	USA	MA	NR PALMER		LANSING
1	A0811	A	+6704	0200	USA	MA	HAVERHILL	HOUSE	S
1	A1069	C	691109	NGT	USA	MA	PALMER		LANSING
1	A1229	F	7310 B	NGT	USA	MA	AMESBURY	HOME	C
1	A1358	D	-7409 E	-0500	USA	MA	NR DUXBURY	ROAD	+ 1 F
2	A1412	C	750828	EVE	USA	MA	NR TRURO	WOODS	2 COSTA/ELFIE
1	A1513	A	761215	212C	USA	MA	HOLLAND	CAR	1
3	A1722	E	770421	2230	USA	MA	DOVER	FARM ST.	1 BARTLETT
3	A1723	E	770422	C03C	USA	MA	DOVER	ROAD	1 BAXTER
3	A1724	E	770423	0000	USA	MA	DOVER	ROAD	2 BRABHAM/TAINTOR
3	A1905	D	780109	1930	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	BEDROOM	2 THOMPSON/THOMPSON
3	A1906	C	780110	143C	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	WOODS	+ 1 GOULD
3	A1933	E	780408	2100	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	BEDROOM	+ 1 GOULD
3	A1935	E	780409	1400	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	FIELD	+ 4 GOULD/PETERS
3	A1934	E	780409	+1100	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	YARD	+ 2 GOULD/PETERS
3	A1936	E	780419	NGT	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	BASEMENT	+ 1 PETERS
2	A1939	E	780502	CAY	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	FIELD	+ 1 GOULD
2	A1969	E	-780918	+0100	USA	MA	S. MIDDLETON	ROAD	1 GOULD

MAINE

1	A0393	A	551221	2300	USA	ME	WASHBURN	HOUSE	JACOBS
2	A1537	D	=5710	EVE	USA	ME	PRESQUE ISLE AFB	BARRACKS	1 M.
2	A0704	D	6604	E	NGT	USA	ELIOT	GRAVEL PIT	
1	A0710	A	660423	1415	USA	ME	BINGHAM	FIELD	1 BAKER
4	A1428	G	751027	0330	USA	ME	PCLAND SPRINGS	ROAD	2 STEPHENS/GRAY
2	A1682	E	760911	2000	USA	ME	OLD ORCHARD	HOME	+ 1 HOPKINS
1	A1683	E	760924	1930	USA	ME	BIDDEFORD	HOME	+ 2 HOPKINS
1	A1818	C	771102	NGT	USA	ME	ROCKLAND	TRUCK	1 ETTEROF
3	A1998	G	781214	0200	USA	ME	AURORA	RT 9A	1

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1	A0414	E	561215	1100	USA	NH	DERRY	WOODS	HORNE
4	A0521	G	610919	2200	USA	NH	NR WOODSTOCK	WOODS	2 HILL/HILL
1	A1584	E	7007	B	2200	USA	NR GILFORD		B.
1	A1214	C	7308	A	CAY	USA	EXETER	HIGHWAY	2
1	A1595	F	7309	MA	2130	USA	LOST NATION	YARD	COTTRELL/COTTRELL
1	A1224	F	730918	2130	USA	NH	DURHAM	YARD	H
3	A1278	D	7311	E	EVE	USA	WEARE	YARD	1 WOOD
1	A1274	D	731101	2030	USA	NH	NR GOFFSTOWN	HOUSE	DOW
1	A1275	A	731102A	0330	USA	NH	GOFFSTOWN	CAR	MOREL
3	A1279	C	731104	0015	USA	NH	GOFFSTOWN	HOUSE	1 SNOW
1	A1326	B	740520	0030	USA	NH	HAMPTON BEACH	BEACH	
2	A1348	C	7408	M	0100	USA	FRANKLIN	YARD	2 KNECHT/KNECHT
2	A1349	C	740820	2130	USA	NH	NR DERRY	WOODS	1 R
3	A1870	E	+77C1	0200	USA	NH	ASHLAND	STUDIO	+ 1 V
1	A1717	A	770404	2015	USA	NH	GORHAM	BACKYARD	+ 1 F
2	A1926	G	=78C3	E	1900	USA	DUMMER	RT 16	1 W
3	A1937	G	780429	=1730	USA	NH	DERRY E3M	JUNKYARD	2 C/K
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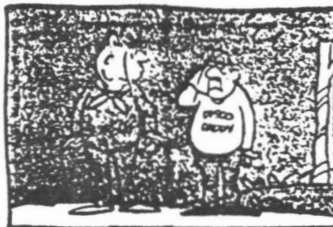
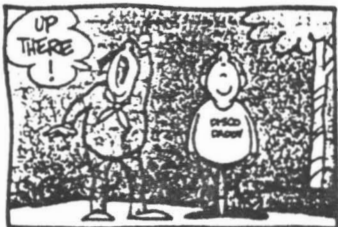
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VERMONT

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BORN LOSER



With thanks to
Shirley Fickett,
Elsworth, Maine

by Art Sansom

A DISTURBED MAN...AND AN OLD STORY. WINCHESTER, MASS., FEB. 5, 1967.

by Joe Nyman

The following, related by the sister of the man in the title, in a July, 1981 letter, resulted from her long distance phone call to Ray Fowler. She hoped that help could be found for her brother, now self-committed to a New England mental hospital. She had thought, after reading Betty Andreasson's story that perhaps hypnosis could unburden her brother of the inexpressible something that may have been related to his experience with a UFO years ago. While no beneficial arrangement was possible due to a number of reasons not pertinent to this relation, the detailed story as she wrote it was confirmed in the files of Steve Putnam.

Attentive readers of the following will notice an apparent time discrepancy that has never been explained. The two-thirds mile trip should have taken the boy approximately thirty minutes. He should thus have arrived home shortly after five, yet the sister reports him home after six that evening - an hour unaccounted for.

Steve Putnam, it turns out, was the investigator on the scene the day after. He had heard about the case while lecturing in the Winchester public schools on February 6, 1967 and was able to talk with the witnesses that same day. Steve's original notes and sketches which he has kindly agreed to provide for this article, have the youngster reporting the object at 5:40 pm. Was this the time of his first sighting, or, perhaps the beginning of his second? If so, the times related in the letter can not be right. If 5:40 pm represents the time of the second sighting, however, the possibility of a time-lapse still exists for he was said to be well on the way home by that time and should have arrived before six.

Unfortunately, at this late date there can be no resolution.

The disturbing element suggested here is the possible existence of people with impaired behavior resulting from UFO experiences which have no means of coming to conscious memory. This is a new element in a decades-old mystery that we may begin to hear more and more about in the coming years, and, indeed, that we should be on the look-out for.

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The sister's letter:

The story, from what I learned in talking to my brother, mother and sister (follows). My brother was in the 5th grade at the time and my sister was in the 9th grade. Both attended the public schools (I remember saying to my mother that my brother was only in the 6th grade and couldn't make up a story like that especially since he had no indication of being inclined to relate anything like that-either lies or stories from anywhere).

It was about late afternoon, about 4:00, when my brother started home—he was supposed to be home between 4:00 and 4:30 (I believe it was around the time when it gets dark earlier). About 1/3 of the way home he saw something in the sky going up and down a little and moving across over the trees just ahead of him. It was making a weird noise and he said he had never heard the sound before and therefore could not really relate it to anything familiar, for me. He tried making the sound and described it as whirring and kind of "high". I asked him if it was constant, and made a steady sound for him. He said no, that it went eeh, eeh, eeh, eeh, kind of drawn out, too.

He said the thing started coming closer down towards him and he got scared and turned around and ran as fast as he could back to his friend's house where he had been and ran inside the front. He said the thing had started chasing him. He was out of breath and tried to tell them, and they ran out in the yard (parents, children, etc.) and could not see anything.

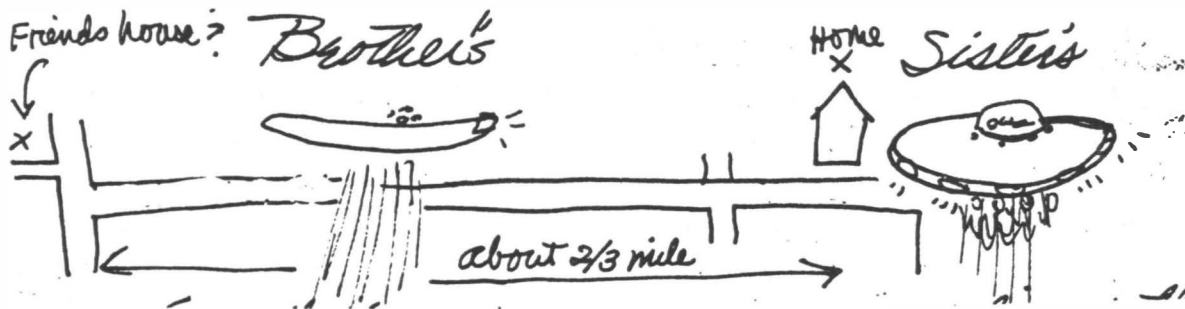
After my brother was "collected", he started home again around 4:30, and it was about dusk—had just started to get darker. He was about halfway home when he heard it over the trees again and looked up. This time he said it was closer than when he had first seen it. He said it was too late to run back again and started running towards home but it started to come closer and closer...well, he had gotten home! I asked what it had looked like. He said it was long, rounded, brownish-like and had lights; a big white light in front, some lights on top, sort of reddish and a lot of white light or yellowish light coming out of the bottom; something like fire but he knew it wasn't.

I said, "Well, what happened, did you stop or did you run?". He said, "I don't know, I was really scared. I guess I must have run because somehow I got home." He said that when he went into the house every one had already started eating supper (they usually eat 6:00-6:30). Mom said they had waited for him but he was late and they couldn't wait any longer, so had started without him. He told his story at the table and my sister left as soon as she could to go up to the bay window in my mother's room (facing east) to see what she could see. Mom said my brother was "really serious".

My sister said she immediately saw one outside above the trees and that it seemed like she could almost touch it if she reached out, out maybe not; it was probably further away than she could really tell. I don't know if she exclaimed or not, but my brother went up and it had gone by the time he joined her at the window.

My sister described hers as circular. I asked, "Like a plate?", and she said, "Yes, but not flat.". She said it had all these lights on it—all around the edge—white lights—dotted around. I asked, "On the outer rim?", and she said yes. She said there were colored lights and areas on top and sort-of a round window (described further like a bubble, and that it was lighted up and there may have been something inside. She said there was light at the bottom too but not the same kind of light as on top (see the sketches from Steve Putnam's original investigation made the day after the sighting—ed.). I asked if it was like fire or orange and she said it looked like very white light.

I drew pictures for both of them but at separate times until they thought I had a pretty good image. They were like this:



At the time they and everyone believed they saw two different things. However, it could have been the same thing but seen at slightly different angles and descriptions of different mental perceptions.

I first heard of this story when I talked to my mother the night after it happened, and later, I questioned my brother and sister on the weekend. I asked my mother why she hadn't called me before at my apartment or at work. She said she didn't think it was important and that she was tired that evening and just sat in a chair, read and fell asleep. I thought it was incredible that they would have stories like that. She said the children's friends heard about it and some students in the high school Philosophy Club that afternoon told their speaker (a UFO lecturer by coincidence) about them. He called my mother to ask if he might come out that afternoon or the following (I can't remember which one).

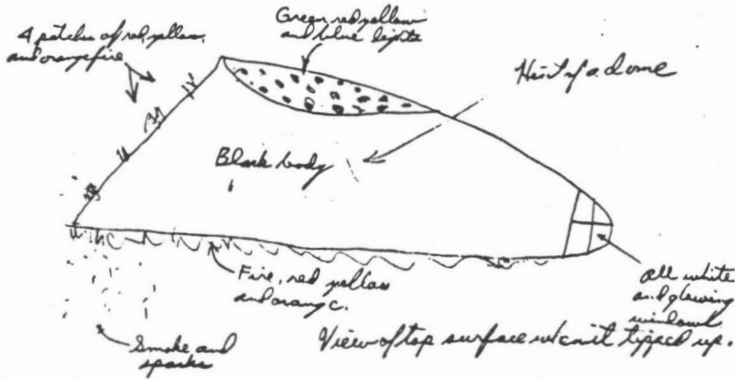
She wasn't sure if she wanted him but finally said OK. My mother thought it was rather bizarre and couldn't get over what he was saying about UFOs. He talked to my brother and sister seriously and believed them. I asked if she did not believe it and she said how could she know anything like that, and that she just couldn't really think about it. We all knew dad wouldn't say anything because he had never contemplated bizarre or intangible topics like UFOs.

As time went on we occasionally referred back to the incident; more times earlier, then as time went on, less and less - I don't think they've said anything about it for the past six years or so. Now recently, my brother and sister acknowledge it vaguely, but refuse to talk about it. At least my brother does; my mother says she vaguely remembers it, but doesn't believe it. My brother is adamant about it and it makes him nervous, so he'd rather not discuss it at all. He says he was pretty scared. After reading "The Andreasson Affair", I thought there were similarities between the book and my brother's experience. I suggested, or tried to, in a delicate way, that my brother try being hypnotized, but that was dropped quickly when I realized neither would be willing.

When it travelled sometimes it went steadily and sometimes it undulated. It made a fairly steady hum (me). It maneuvered and circled around. It kept descending and appeared to be following him home. A total distance of 1/4 mile. When he entered the house it rose and circled off. It initially descended from high in the sky. He was alone on the street. No idea how far away it was.

Feb. 5, 1967. Saw it at about 5:10 pm

The brother's sketch.

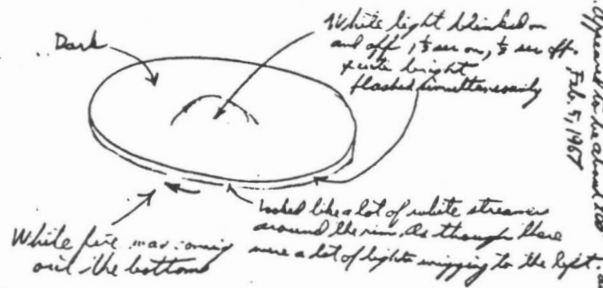


Feb. 6, 1967

Steve Putnam's Notes for the Case of February 5, 1967, Winchester, Mass.

It would rise quickly and fall slowly. It did this about 3 times and moved away and back horizontally once. Watched it about 11 minutes. Looked out second floor window.

The younger sister's sketch.



Feb. 5, 1967
About 6:30 pm. Appeared to be about 150' away and 60 up at 10 lowest point.

It hummed (Fz) and the pitch rose when the object rose and the pitch dropped when the object dropped and diminished when the object went further away.

Feb. 6, 1967

FOXBOROUGH, MASS., DEC. 4, 1980, PART 3.

by Joe Nyman

On April 25, 1981, Ben Greene and the writer arrived at the boy's home. It was a last attempt to connect the thirteen-year-old's post experience dream with what he had really experienced. His parents, we understood, had kept silent so he was thought to be unaware of these dreams (see Newsletters of Jan., Apr. 1981 for dream contents).

From a case with shining prospects for information recovery, we had encountered one frustration after another. The family's vacation, the boy's three-week illness, and the following family difficulties which culminated in their decision to leave the state immediately, had prevented all but cursory examination of the case's follow-up events and the actual events of the experience.

Now, in the middle of the family's moving arrangements, we descended to conduct a hypnosis-like procedure termed 'reverie' to gain what additional could be gained.

The induction procedure took only minutes. Ben, familiar with the facts of the case, conducted the questioning. This was advantageous for the reason that his fresh perspective (entering the investigation late) might result in the bringing forward of material overlooked by the initial investigating team.

What became immediately apparent was that there had been changes in the boy's memory regarding the nearly four month old events - and no dream connections!

Some of the changes seemed significant. This was discouraging; it implied that the further one got in time from the events of a case, the less likely one was to get an unrestored relation of the events - particularly the details. There is, possibly, an exception to this observation, and it lies in a theory which will be discussed further on when we consider dreams and their meanings.

However, the changes from the original story included at least two that were known changes of fact. The youngster, in April, thought he had not been wearing a religious medal and that his trousers were tan in color, at the time of the incident. A photograph taken on the night of the incident shows him with the medal and wearing blue trousers. Additional changes in the story included the following:

Dec. 4, 1980 - He was first aware of a high-pitched numming, like someone 'rubbing the top of a wineglass', and the object was 'just there, like someone turning a light on'.

Apr. 25, 1981 - He saw a light maneuvering in the distance and then it came toward him.

As well, the sketches of the object and its occupant took on additional details; these new sketches are presented elsewhere in the article and may be compared with the originals in the earlier newsletters.

At the same time there were also confirmations of details claimed earlier. The object still appeared to be metallic with yellowish, tinted windows and a seven-second pulsating light. The low-pitched humming was heard when he was paralyzed. The light beam, paralysis, the feeling of numbness and tingling 'like pins and needles that are hot' were again described. He also confirmed the feeling of something 'flowing' through his body accompanied by the same 'pins and needles' feeling. He again remembered the noises like 'mumbling' in his head whose meaning he had found under hypnosis. He was now convinced it was a 'male' voice. Other details, originally brought out under hypnosis were also part of the retelling that April Saturday. There was no embellishment of his experience, i.e., there was nothing essentially new in the account that might link it to his recorded dreams.

The sketches made at the end of the April questioning were different in significant details (see sketches). In his drawing of the craft, the youngster included what he thought may have been cabinets or panels, and a figure at one of the windows. Underneath the object was drawn a kind of space-age gingerbread which the boy termed 'bumps'. The paralyzing light may have been emitted from a black cylinder about one foot long; the edge of the light beam could be seen as it retracted at the end of his paralysis.

He felt as if the light beam had done the examination which the mental voice had announced was the intention of the encounter.

The entity had taken on a more detailed form than when originally sketched after hypnosis. Now, the boy said that it reminded him of Yoda in the film 'The Empire Strikes Back'. In its general appearance it had many points of similarity with the entities described at Kelly-Hopkinsville, Kentucky in 1955 (1), i.e., large ears, long arms with hands extending well below the waist, four digits on each hand, and a long nose with something at its end (a triangle in this case, a circle in the Kentucky case). In each situation no garment was described. Height in both cases was on the order of three feet.

Pronounced differences from the Kelly case were the eye shapes and lack of lips in the Foxborough entity. Skin color here was described as pale brown-green (we must keep in mind the apparent yellowish light that was described as coming from the windows of the craft in evaluating skin color).

When asked about the continuation of unusual phenomena, the boy asserted that they still continued, but, seemingly, at increasing intervals (his parents thought the phenomena had stopped). The week prior to the interview, he reported, his bedroom door had swung from fully open to closed just as he was about to pass. The door did not close tightly but bounced and stayed open a crack. He was not upset

and felt he was learning to live with the phenomena. Sometimes he had felt cold drafts in conjunction with these unusual experiences. Subjectively, he experienced a friendly presence at all times and places without being able to communicate with it. He termed the presence a 'snowoff'.

On the night previous to the interview he had seen a white form pass by while watching TV. He claimed, also, to have seen an apparition in the hallway at one time since the UFO incident.

The youngster does not connect religion with any of these phenomena, nor, for that matter, has he ever suggested a source or explanation for them.

THOUGHTS AND THEORIES:

The Dreams

Although we had originally suspected that the boy's dreams might represent an aspect of his experience that was 'real' but unremembered, we were never able to connect the dreams with any conscious memories, or thoughts induced under hypnosis.

This writer has become convinced that the dreams represent attempts of the boy's unconscious mind to integrate his conscious UFO experience coherently into the rest of his life's experiences. The pointer to this interpretation came in the boy's incorporation of the image of Amelia Earhart in his dream; a day or two after the boy's experience we learned from his parents that he had recently studied the life of the famous American aviatrix in school, and there had been speculation about the reason for her disappearance. Her mystery had become incorporated into the mystery of his own experience.

There are many theories of the nature and meaning of dreams. For many decades the Freudian interpretation held sway. The basic Freudian view is that dreams are wish fulfillments. That is, needs and desires not able to be gratified consciously are experienced in disguised or symbolic form as dreams. Several categories of dreams are unaccounted for in this theory; for instance, problem solving dreams like the benzene ring dream of Kekule.

The Freudian insights on dreams have been generalized further. Dreams have been defined as products of two factors labeled tension-release and trial-perception; i.e., attempts to satisfactorily explain to the self a not-understood experience by unconscious trial and error (see article in the 1973 edition of the Britannica, Vol.7).

A cybernetic interpretation of dreams has been advanced in the last few years, as well (2). In this model, the brain is hypothesized to process information in computer terms. There is, (according to the model) an immediate, or dynamic updating function in which information is placed in short-term memory, and also a delayed incorporation of

sensory material into long-term memory. The latter is termed ~~deferred~~ updating and is assumed to need the state of sleep to function. Dreams, says the theory, are the images resulting from the interpretation of the incoherent remainder unable to be successfully incorporated into memory.

Interestingly, there is experimental evidence in support of deferred updating. In 1917, it was found 'that parts of a tachistoscopically presented stimulus picture were registered outside the subject's consciousness; these subliminal elements entered the subject's awareness after a delay of some time, when the subject was in a generally altered state of consciousness, such as dreaming or hallucinating' (3).

This is called the Pötzl Effect, after its discoverer, Otto Pötzl, and it suggests a possible explanation for the increased recall of details in our case. However, the experimental conditions under which this effect was discovered and the events of our case seem remote. The possible connection still is worth considering.

One of the latest dream theories is called the Activation Synthesis Hypothesis. It states that '...internally generated sensorimotor information, which is partially random and partially specific, is ... compared with stored sensorimotor data in the synthesis of dream content.' (4). The key element of this hypothesis is that dreams are motivationally neutral and more the result of random stimulation from a portion of the brain called the pontine reticular formation.

Outside of the theories relating dreams to brain function there is the less studied area of dreams being the perceptions of the non-material bodies which are claimed to be coexist with the physical. Under this hypothesis the dream is a direct perception in an out-of-body state.

In this case the Amelia Earhart connection is better explained in terms of the brain oriented theories.

It seems to the writer that all these theories have at least one common element; that at some stage, the dream is drawing on information that is available as the result of some experience pertinent to the subject matter of the dream.

The Activation Synthesis Hypothesis would, perhaps, attribute the boy's UFO dream to the nearness in time of the UFO incident as the dream cause rather than an attempted resolution of a situation in human terms. If this is so we should expect the great majority of dreams to be directly related to events in nearby time. This writer has not seen data to support that supposition. Instead, it would seem more productive to view dreams (at least anxiety dreams) as attempts at resolution of mentally unresolved tensions. As such the boy's dreams take on a certain evidential quality that provide support for his claims.

This has little to do with the content of the dreams, for we must expect much in the way of unconscious material to be dredged up in the attempt to fit the unresolved data into the accepted pattern of one's past - into the worldview through which we measure and fit all our sensory experience. What is to be emphasized here, is that this investigator would view dreams of this nature, in context, as buttressing claims of extraordinary UFO experiences.

The Hoax Possibility

Although viewed as supporting the boy's claim, the dreams are tenuous evidence, at best. What does serve as the strongest testimony of the boy's veracity is clearly the mark on his chest. Is there a possibility that this could have been an artifact? Let us assume for the moment that it was; it then must have been applied either before the arrival of the investigators or during the time of the initial investigation. We have the parent's statement that the boy was not informed that investigators would be arriving so he had no chance to prepare before the interview and no motive for applying the mark before he returned from his scout meeting. During the time of the interview he excused himself twice to go to the bathroom. He was gone for only two or three minutes each time and returned with his scout shirt still on and with nothing unusual about its arrangement. At the request of the investigators, he retired to his bedroom with his stepfather to undress. He returned, barechested, with the mark clearly visible. We would have to say that if the mark were an artifact it was induced or applied in the bathroom singly, or in the bedroom with the aid of his stepfather.

It was clear from the visual and tactile inspection of the mark that it was not the result of abrasion (the skin was smooth and not scratched) or cosmetic (running the finger over the mark removed no powder or coloring agent). Was it the result of pinching the skin? An examination of the photograph indicates the difficulty involved in pinching the observed pattern in the area in which it appears. Furthermore, according to the mother, the mark was still evident the following morning, only with more sharply defined edges. These facts require the collusion of at least one parent, if not both. Once again, there was no motive; in fact, because of the personal problems the family was experiencing, a hoax might have had very negative consequences.

A Curious Inconsistency

There is one fact in the case that is difficult to explain. At the time the boy was outside and presumably paralyzed, his mother had spent several minutes washing dishes in front of a kitchen window that was directly in line with the location in which the boy said he was standing during the encounter. Only a light, transparent, curtain covered the window; yet she saw no light of any kind during the interval of the encounter (see copy of photo).

The Unusual Post-Event Phenomena

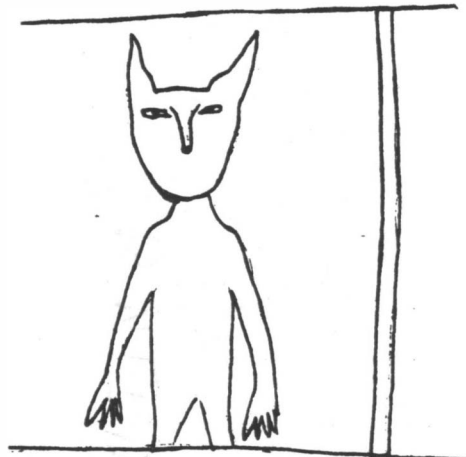
The claims of apparent paranormal phenomena deserve extensive discussion. The writer intends to prepare a note on this and other cases in which similar happenings have been reported.

Psychological Testing

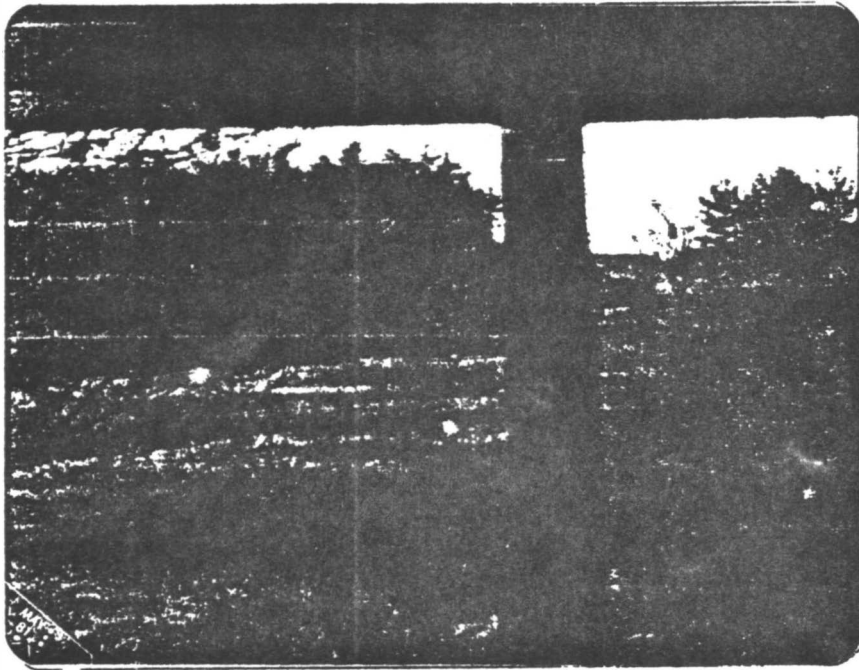
One of the seemingly unusual aspects of this case was the claimed improvement in the boy's school performance consequent to his UFO experience. Having read of cases of remarkable changes in learning capability and interests following UFO encounters, the investigators were anxious to have the youngster tested. An indication of his emotional state was also sought as a possible clue to the poltergeist-like phenomena that had manifested.

Accordingly, Pauline Grey, a certified school psychologist and doctoral candidate at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., visited the family on April 20, 1981 and administered the Wechsler Intelligence Test (WISC-R), Wide Range Achievement Test, Bender Gestalt, and Thematic Aperception Test.

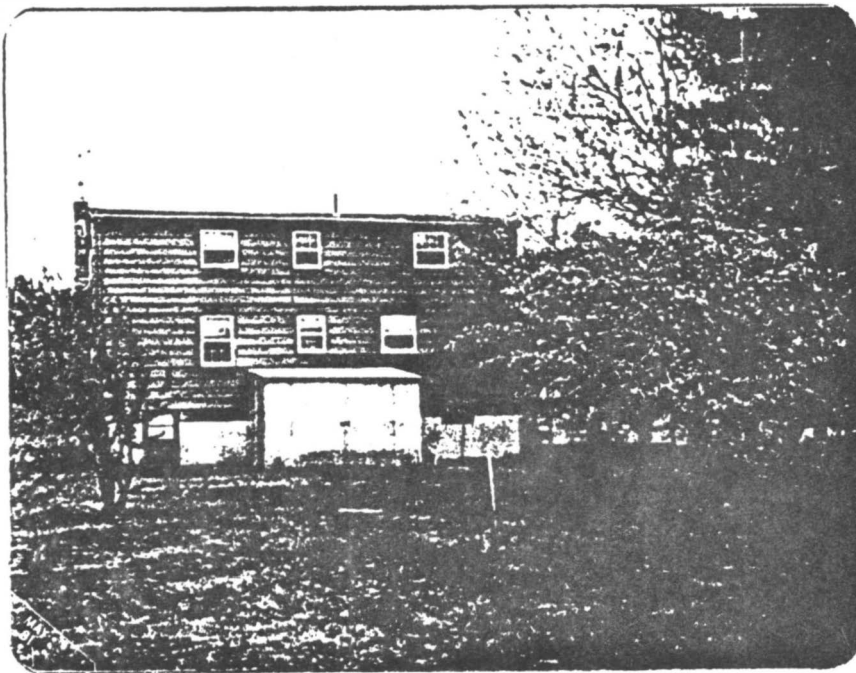
Compared to what was available in his school record, no significant change in capabilities or interests was found; nor did the testing indicate severe emotional disturbances. The possibility of mild seizure disorder was suggested (petit mal), a condition found present also in a small tested sample of suspected poltergeist agents (5).



THE BOY'S SKETCHES OF THE CRAFT AND
ENTITY IN THE CRAFT'S WINDOW MADE
APRIL 25, 1981.



View taken through kitchen window showing boy at encounter spot (bottom, left of divider). Boy is in direct line of viewer.



Back of house taken from encounter spot. Kitchen window is bottom right.

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